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*"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)*

*"Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be broken." (Pastor Chuck Smith)*

We received a call from Boise City that because of the latest health order they were canceling all public gatherings of more than ten people in the city parks. We explained to them that the Central District Health order states that places of worship and religious services are exempt from the size limitation on gatherings. After checking with their legal department and Central District Health, they told us that "places of worship" are considered to be in established buildings. We told them that this would have been news to Jesus when He preached the Sermon on the Mount!

The bottom line is that Boise City Parks and Recreation controls to whom they will issue a special event and sound amplification permit. They pulled ours and refunded our money.

So what would Jesus do?

I believe in the acronym KISS. Keep It Simple Saint. Jesus preached to the multitudes from a boat on the Sea of Galilee without amplification. So that's what we will do. We don't have a boat on a lake, but we can still gather in the park without a special event or sound permit. We just have to keep the sound levels down and cannot have food trucks.

Everything else will be the same. You can still come. We will still ask people to maintain social distancing between families. You can still worship. You can still be baptized. You can still eat a picnic lunch that you bring (or in a pinch make a quick run for fast food).

**BUT THE WORSHIP IN THE PARK WILL STILL GO ON!**

In addition to bringing your own chair, if you have a canopy, feel free to bring that too! And of course...bring a friend! With this simplicity, we won't need our set-up crew until 9:30 am.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!

In His Grace,  
Pastor Daryl



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